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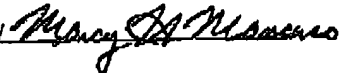
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In order to fulfill the requirements of candor and good faith set forth in 37 C.F.R. §1.56, Applicants submit herewith the following Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement in accordance with the provisions of 37 C.F.R. §1.97 and §1.98.

With regard to the references cited on the attached Form PTO-1449, the following patent documents were previously submitted and considered in connection with parent U.S. Application No. 10/212,609 (now U.S. Patent No. 6,719,783): U.S. Patent Nos. 5,370,681, 6,036,724, 6,355,063, 6,428,571, 6,521,284, 6,547,820.

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Moreover, the following patent documents cited on the attached Form PTO-1449 were previously cited in connection with parent U.S. Application No. 09/040,880 (now U.S. Patent No. 6,001,125): U.S. Patent Nos. 5,607,478, 5,609,626, 5,776,182, 5,843,166, 5,873,904.

Certain foreign documents listed on the Form-PTO 1449 are not in the English-language. With regard to the foreign-language documents listed in the table below, Applicants respectfully request that the English-language documents listed in the table below be deemed to satisfy the requirement for a concise explanation of the relevance of each document.

Foreign-Language Document	English-Language Document Submitted to Fulfill Requirement for a Concise Explanation of Relevance
JP 55-52755	US 4,306,318; copy of translation of Official Action attached as Exhibit B in connection with Japanese Application No. 9-526318
JP 7-507014	US 5,474,824; copy of translation of Official Action attached as Exhibit A in connection with Japanese Application No. 9-526318
JP 2-126827	English-language abstract; copy of Official Action attached as Exhibit A in connection with Japanese Application No. 9-526318
JP 3-198846	English-language abstract; US 5,171,261; copy of translation of Official Action attached as Exhibit B in connection with Japanese Application No. 9-526318
JP 3-280949	English-language abstract; copy of translation of Second Official Action (attached as Exhibit B) in connection with Japanese Application No. 9-526318

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Copies of the U.S. patent documents listed on the attached Form PTO-1449 and in the chart above are not provided as the United States Patent and Trademark Office has waived the requirement for paper submission of such documents. Copies of the other documents cited herein with the exception of JP 55-52755, JP 7-507014, JP 2-126827, JP 3-198846, and JP 3-280949 (which are in Japanese) are transmitted herewith. With regard to JP 55-52755, JP 7-507014, JP 2-126827, JP 3-198846, and JP 3-280949, Applicants are submitting English-language documents as set forth in the above table for the consideration of the Examiner.

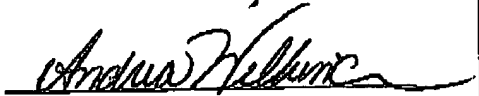
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If the Examiner has any questions or comments relating to the present application, she is respectfully invited to contact the undersigned at the telephone number set forth below.

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